



TOWN OF NATICK

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CERTIFICATE OF VOTE

I, Diane Packer, Town Clerk of Natick Massachusetts, do hereby certify the following vote:

ARTICLE 35: Thomas Sawin Homestead Preservation (Randy Johnson, *et al*)

To see if the Town will:

1. Create a committee to work toward resolution of outstanding issues regarding the Thomas Sawin House and its appurtenant lands located at 79 South Street Map 77 Lot 7 and Map 77 Lot 6A. Such committee to solicit technical assistance for the development of strategies for preserving and maintaining the structure at its current location, the identification of the historic, archaeological and social features of the house, appurtenant lands and site features (including the South Street bridge structures) and the submission of preservation or other grant applications. The committee shall be formed by the Moderator. The committee shall have access to town legal counsel and personnel of the Community and Economic Development Department. The committee shall be comprised of not less than three nor more than five appointees.

2. Appropriate an amount not to exceed \$30,000 for such technical assistance.

3. Authorize the Board of Selectman to negotiate the acquisition of property interests as may be appropriate to support the preservation of the Thomas Sawin House and its appurtenant lands.

Or otherwise act thereon.

MOTION: (Requires majority vote)

Mr. Golden moved, seconded by Mr. Meyer that the Town vote to:

1. To establish a Committee for the purpose of advising the Board of Selectmen on preserving the Town's cultural, historic and architectural heritage existing at the Thomas Sawin House and its appurtenant lands located at 79 South Street Map 77 Lot 7 and Map 77 Lot 6A.
 - a. Said Committee to explore with the property owner and its board of directors the possible conveyance to the town of the structure and the land upon which it is situated for historic preservation purposes.
 - b. Said committee to identify mechanisms to preserve the historically significant house at its current location in a manner coordinated with, and complementary to, the on-going program of the current owner.
 - c. Said Committee, to offer technical assistance and advice to the Board of Selectmen, shall consist of five members, who may be nominated by the Board of Selectmen and appointed by the Moderator with expertise in the disciplines of:
 - i. Historic Preservation
 - ii. Real Estate Law
 - iii. Historic Site Interpretive Planning
 - iv. Landscape Architecture
 - v. Architecture
 - d. The Board of Selectmen may nominate and the Moderator may appoint associate members to serve on a subcommittee of the Committee and perform such duties as are assigned by the chair of the Committee.
 - e. The Committee, being a multiple member body under the Town Charter, shall have access to town counsel and to staff from within the administration for resource support.
 - f. The committee may solicit technical assistance services, including preservation specialists and professional land surveyors.

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2. To appropriate a sum of \$30,000, from Free Cash, for technical assistance services under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. All expenditures shall be in compliance with the state constitution's anti-aid amendment.
3. To authorize the Board of Selectman to negotiate the acquisition of property interests as may be appropriate to support the preservation of the Thomas Sawin House and its appurtenant lands. Such authorization not to exceed one acre.

Mr. Hughes moved to amend the main motion by adding the words "or other appropriate entity" in 1a after the word "town" seconded by Mr. Jennett. ***The amendment to the main motion passed by majority vote (83-40-0). The amended main motion passed by majority vote (81-36-5).***

This vote was taken at the November 3rd session of the 2015 Fall Annual Town Meeting.

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